INCOME-TAX ASSESSEES IN KUNNAMKULAM—VERIFICATION OF RETURNS, ETC.

320. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of income-tax assessees from among the residents of Kunnamkulam in 1115; their number in 1116;

(*b*) whether in making assessment, the officers of the Income-tax Department have taken pains to see that the interest due or payable on loans advanced by the assessees are correctly calculated for purpose of assessment;

(*c*) whether the officers of the Income-tax Department have verified the returns of the assessees referred to in (*a*) with reference to the records of the Law Courts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) 1115—16, 1116—16.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, as far as practicable.

SCHEME TO BRING UNDER CULTIVATION ALL AVAILABLE LANDS

321. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has Government evolved a scheme to bring under cultivation all the available cultivable lands in the State subject to availability of persons to cultivate them and feasibility of cultivating them to meet the situation arising out of shortage of food in the near future;

(*b*) has Government hitherto done any propaganda work in this line;

(*c*) is Government prepared to lease lands to poor people with a view to bring them under cultivation in the near future;

(*d*) will Government be prepared to bring pressure upon *jenmies* and other rich people who are owners of land uncultivated to lease it to tenants under special conditions with a view to meet the emergent situation which will face us shortly;

(*e*) is Government prepared to encourage merchants to bring down large quantities of paddy, rice and other essential commodities with a view to tide over the situation without unnecessary restrictions?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(*e*) The question is not clear. It is not understood what sort of encouragement is meant.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: I want to make clear what I mean. That is, merchants order for large quantities of paddy and rice. The one difficulty that stands in the way of getting down is that they are obtaining a very small margin of profit. In the second place, there is the fear that paddy or rice that they are stocking may be commandeered by the Government at any time. They will get only a smaller price. If that sort of misunderstanding is cleared, it is quite likely that merchants may get down larger stock, if the Government can find its way to allow them a decent margin of profit. I think it is encouraging the merchants to get larger profit.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The prices are being reviewed from time to time. There is a Regional Conference going on and as soon as we receive their further reports, the price control committee will again be convened and the whole question considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether in the committee which fixes the price of rice and paddy, there is any representative of the merchants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. There was a request from the south that one of the merchants might be included and Government have approved that request. We are waiting for their nomination. As soon as one is nominated, he will be included in the committee.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: One from the south and one from the north may be included. Cochin merchants have not to spend much by way of transport. With regard to merchants in the mofussil parts, there must be an additional margin, so that they might get some profit.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The question will be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, how many times the Price Control Committee revised the rates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice. I know 1½ months or one month ago they revised the present rates.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that the revised prices of articles are not followed and articles could not be had at that rate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is not true. As a matter of fact, rice was being sold at that price. All the same complaints have come that the prices are much lower. We have made enquiries in Travancore and British Malabar and we are also waiting for the report of the Conference to come to a final decision and call the committee and take their advice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have the Government received complaints from the people to say that they cannot get kerosene oil at the prices fixed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. They have received complaints about kerosene oil.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* About rice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* About rice, the real complaint was the one received two days ago from the members for Tattamangalam and Chittur. No other serious complaints. And for the last one month all the Government depots have been functioning and anyone can get rice there and there cannot be any complaint so far as rice is concerned. The first time that I heard the complaint was from Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar and Mr. Eachara Menon.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Just before Government began to purchase half the quantity of rice arriving at Cochin by train or otherwise, are the Government aware that the price of rice went up to Rs. 17 a bag?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* May I know whether it is advisable to include rice merchants also in the committee? There is a necessity of keeping the matter confidential for certain stages of the decisions of the committee and the committee has been getting the benefit of the advice of the merchants. They often wait on deputation and make their representation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* This aspect of the question will also be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question has not been answered.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I am not aware of it.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, that owing to the fixation of price in Cochin and the non-fixation of price in Travancore, large quantities of rice and paddy is being transported.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not true that prices have not been fixed there. Price is being controlled there.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* In Chittur, there is paddy and you do not get it because the merchants cannot sell at the rates fixed by the Government.

Mr. President: The whole question is complicated and this question has been considered at a meeting in Madras on the 25th of this month. A report has to be received from them. Unless we receive that report, it is not possible to solve the problem and take definite steps in the matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* With regard to (*d*), it is stated that the matter is engaging the attention of the Government. May I know at what stage it is?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government have already issued a notice saying that all *jenmis* who have got lands in their possession should bring such lands under cultivation or lease them to others. Government are also contemplating legislation to force the *jenmis* in this matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Was any reply received from the *jenmis*?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There has been so far no case where they have refused to do so.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the time allowed for cultivation for the *jenmis*?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Three years.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Before what date?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* 30th Edavam.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are the Government aware that cultivation, in some cases, starts only in Mithunam?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is enough if the *jenmis* satisfy the authorities. There is no difficulty regarding that.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether any *jenmi* has replied to the letter?

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is no reason for replying. We have issued a notification asking the *jenmis* to see that their lands are cultivated by themselves or by others before the 30th Edavam. In the event of not doing this, before this date, Government will assume those lands and lease them to proper persons.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are you enforcing on the *jenmis* the necessity of leasing out at 5 acres per head?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Absolutely no such restriction.

FALSE PERSONATION IN THE CHITTUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS—PROSECUTION FOR

322. **Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government in receipt of a petition from Mr. C. P. C. Chamu Menon, Chittur, dated 2nd Thulam 1117, complaining of false personation in the Chittur Municipal elections and requesting sanction for prosecuting the alleged impersonator;

(*b*) was the request refused;

(*c*) if so, on what grounds;

(*d*) is it alleged in the petition that the person who actually voted is a minor and as such no qualified voter:

(*e*) did Government make enquiries regarding this aspect of the matter;

(*f*) will Government kindly place the petition, the order on the same and relevant papers on the Council Table?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government were not satisfied that there was false personation.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*d*).

(*f*) Copies of the petition and the order are placed on the Council Table.

LIST OF OFFICERS DRAWING A PAY OF Rs. 50 AND LESS—PUBLICATION OF

323. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they publish the list of Government officers drawing salaries below Rs. 50 in the annual Civil List published by them;

(*b*) if not, why not?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) The appointments the maximum pay of which is below Rs. 50 are not shown in the Civil Lists.

(*b*) The cost, labour and time involved in showing the appointments carrying a pay below Rs. 50 are not commensurate with the results that may be gained.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether it is because the price of paper has gone up?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This rule was introduced in 1098, about 20 years ago.

TEACHERS IN AIDED SERVICE—APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE BY THE STAFF SELECTION BOARD—LEAVE ON LOSS OF PAY—REFUSAL OF

324. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether leave on loss of pay has been refused to teachers in aided service who have not been made permanent when they are appointed by the Staff Selection Board in any Government appointment;

(*b*) whether their claim for further entertainment in aided service has been overlooked in any case for having accepted Government service;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to inform whether they will be able to revise the existing rules, if any?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

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